

**Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Project  
Lakeview Stewardship Unit  
2013**

**Project Name: West Drews Precommercial Thinning**

**Location: Lakeview Stewardship Unit**

**Map: West Drews Precommercial Thinning**

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**Description**

The proposed project is located in the Drews Creek Watershed and is a component of the vegetative management and fuels reduction goals of the West Drews Watershed Restoration and Vegetation Management project. To reduce excess vegetation in order to increase tree vigor, health, and growth rates in the forest ecosystem approximately 1,000 acres of the available 3,300 acres of small diameter trees would be treated using mechanical and/or underburning methods in 2013. The reduction in small diameter trees will help decrease stocking levels and increase the vigor of residual trees. These areas are currently at levels of too high of stocking and thinning them would decrease their susceptibility to insect and disease and decrease ladder fuels in thinned acres. Trees would be thinned from 4 inches to merchantable timber specifications at the time of thinning. Stands will be thinned in a mosaic to approximately 50-100 trees per acre. Resultant slash will be treated as necessary by bucking/lopping, and/or hand piling.

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